

WORK OF THE CLERKS

III THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

Important Decisions—Pensions—Land Patents—
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views—"Alabama" Claims—Garfield
Board of Audit—Finances.

The national bank notes received for redemption Friday amount to \$2,500.

Mr. Armstrong, Commissioner of Railroads, returned to the city Friday morning.

The receipts from internal revenue Friday were \$363,795.14; and from customs, \$514,429.14.

One hundred and twenty-five pension certificates and 275 railroad tickets were issued from the Interior Department Friday.

The President has appointed Blanchard V. Weber to be postmaster at Salamanca, N. Y., vice Victor C. Smith.

The Treasury Department is informed that the revenue-cutter Cwin arrived at San Francisco on Wednesday night from San Silva.

George Milburn, Suite Re. N. M., has been appointed a special agent of the Indian Bureau, succeeding William Harris, resigned.

The Secretary of the Interior has modified the recent decision to the Iowa mine case, Leadville, Colo., by holding the Anthony entry to be erroneous except with the certificate upon which it was based.

Secretary Folger has received an offer for the exchange of \$2,000,000 currency 6 per cent. bonds into 4 per cent. United States government bonds, but has not yet acted on the offer. The offer is somewhat doubtful as to its authority in the premises.

It is rumored that the removal of Orlando Fletcher, clerk in the Mitchell (Dak.) land office, will be followed by other removals or suspensions. Communications are being received from the

The Cabinet meeting Friday was attended by all the members except the Attorney-General, who is absent from the city. The session lasted two hours and was mainly devoted to the discussion of the principal questions of the executive departments, with a view to their consideration in the President's annual message to Congress.

Judge Trescott, who with General Grant was appointed a commissioner on the part of the United States to negotiate a commercial treaty with Mexico, is in this city and had an interview Fri-

day afternoon with the Secretary of State. No time has yet been fixed for the departure of the Commissioners. Judge Trevelock expects, however, to receive his instructions very soon.

the Court of Commissioners of the Marine Claims Fund, and the arguments on the question whether or not a ship's husband can represent all the owners. Arguments in support of an affirmative answer to this question were made by Messrs. Clifford, and Peasner, and Nathaniel Wilson, and in support of a negative answer by Messrs. Crosswell and Helms. The Court adjourned until Monday, November 27, at half of the government.

At the opening of the Court of Audit on Friday, the accounts of all the physicians were taken up and subjected to careful and thorough analysis in each case, but the board of directors was not permitted to make any recommendation. One of the members of the board subsequently reported that one claim (not a physician) which had been referred to the board for consideration out of the audit was found to have been increased in very great amount of 13 per cent.

The Board of Directors and Commission convened Friday afternoon at the State Department, but adjourned until Monday, November 27, on account of the absence of Marquis de Forcade, who was expected to appear in person, but remained in New York by an injury to his shoulder. The Attorney General, Colonel Styden, counsel for the United States, and the Attorney General of the United States, Count Carl Lewenhaupt, the Swedish ambassador, were present.

Special Treasury Agent Brackett, in his supplementary report to the Treasury Department, upon charges against Appraiser Howard, of New York says he has seen no reason to change the views expressed in his former report. Captain Brackett takes issue with Appraiser Howard in regard to appointments and promotions. In the appraiser's report, it is stated that the "most serious" holds that the reapportionments of personnel and salaries, after resignation, and the increase of the number of appraisers, constitute "a serious evasion of the civil-service regulatory provisions." Mr. Brackett says he has only to add that, from a careful review of Appraiser Howard's re-

In a contest for a land title before the Commissioner of the General Land Office, where the claim of one of the parties was canceled, because it appeared that he was an unincorporated foreigner and because he had filed his declaratory statement before his settlement, the Secretary of the Interior has decided that the Commissioner was not authorized to cancel the claim, and the case was not made the subject of allegation in the contest. The Secretary says proofs in contests under the land laws must be confined to allegations as in trials at law, and judgment be rendered on the issues in law, fact, and equity. The Secretary's allegation in this case was not evidence and any allegation in law and fact was not evidence.

It is rumored as a probability that Secretary Folger will recommend to Congress in his annual report that measures be taken for the redemption of the 4 and 4½ per cent. bonds, which will not mature until 1907 and 1891, respectively. It is said he does not favor the proposition to buy these bonds in open market, and is inclined to announce that the government will not purchase them. It is also said that the Secretary is not

disposed to take any action in regard to the currency notes, but will submit a proposition concerning them to the Congress. Another proposition, to the effect that the call for \$17,000,000 of five-year bonds, which will be made about the end of the month, Secretary Folger declines to answer any questions in regard to the various statements, and in the case of the public debt, the currency and the bonds.

First Comptroller Lawrence has given an opinion that the funds at the disposal of the Government Hospital for the Insane, in the District of Columbia, cannot be used for the support of patients under its care in any other institution, or in other words, that none of its patients can be

transferred to other places and supported with government money. The question arose from the fact that the barracks at Washington were becoming overcrowded, and it became necessary to find some other place to accommodate the milder cases. It was proposed to remove some to the Washington City Asylums, but the manager of one of these asylums, who was also the First Comptroller, gave a favorable opinion on the question as to whether the District Commissioners have power to construct buildings in the city. The plan was carried out, a half of the barracks being partly occupied as a garison for United States troops, with their own funds and for the sole benefit of local cases of insanity.

Where the Pension Money Goes.
Commissioner Budley has received a letter from a pensioner in Clermont County, Ohio, which reads as follows: "I have no doubt but that you feel an interest in the soldier or his widow who receives his or her lack pension, and to know what disposition they make of their money. I have taken considerable care to learn accurately in a circuit of ten miles square in this county, where there are ten persons who have received pensioned awards. Every one of them have had their money coming in during the last year, and have all of them carefully used, some of them have

know the comfort of a good home before. One case deserves special mention. An ex-convict who was very dissipated in his youth, and who afterwards was cured by his habit drinking, but upon receiving his pension he surprised his friend by giving his money to an indigent sister, who bought a home for them; they are now living in comfort. Another sister who spent a life of dissipation, and who had no home, will be gratifying to yourself and the people to know that these pensioners have not squandered the hard earned money paid to them.¹

to-day at the State Department, remaining there over an hour, overlooking the files of correspondence and other documents on South American affairs that accumulated or grew out of Mr. Blaine's administration. There is reason to believe that Mr. Blaine wished to see that he had nothing over his head which he had involved the department somewhat in. It occurred to him from which he forced his mind several records, all eventually important to his secretarial duties. He was not, however, a man of Administration. It cannot be said whether or not his apprehensions were confirmed by his discomfort. If so, another statement may be made

It Was Washington Jackson. The body of the man found in the river on Thursday and which was taken to the Washington Asylum for identification was identified Friday morning as Washington Jackson. The coroner held an inquest over the body, and gave a certificate that the deceased had been intoxicated and had started to find his way to Howardsville but lost himself, and had fallen into the river.

and Reed, of the
Beverly and Robert Lewis, who were arrested for
being concerned in some way with the death of
Jackson, was released later in the day with in-
structions to report to the police to-day.